

## Town of Casco

### **Minutes of the September 11, 2018 Selectboard Meeting**

#### **Selectboard Members Present:**

Holly Hancock, Mary Fernandes, Grant Plummer, Calvin Nutting and Tom Peaslee

#### **Staff Present:**

Town Manager David Morton and Administrative Secretary Bob Tooker

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the agenda for the September 11, 2018 Selectboard meeting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

#### **Approval of Warrants:**

**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve bills and sign open warrants: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

#### **Approval of Minutes: (August 28, 2018)**

**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 Selectboard meeting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.**

#### **Town Manager's Update: (David Morton)**

- A majority of road construction on Cooks Mills Road has been completed.
- The small section of pavement in question on Tenney Hill Road will be reviewed again in the spring.
- Paving at the South Casco Fire Station was completed on Monday, September 10.
- Construction of the pavilion structure at the Memorial Field project has been completed.
- Four winter sand bids were opened on Thursday, September 6.
- The Town Manager has received calls of concern about convicted sex offenders moving into neighborhoods.

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- The Town Office telephone and email systems were shut down following an electrical storm on Thursday, September 6.
- The November 13, 2018 Selectboard meeting will be held at the Fire Station at 637 Meadow Road.

### **Committee and Staff Reports:**

None.

### **Public Participation:**

David Kimball commented on his dispute regarding Lot 1 on Casco Tax Map 39.

### **New Business:**

1. Award of the 2018 - 2019 winter sand bid.

**It was moved, seconded and voted to award the 2018 - 2019 winter sand bid to Shaw Brothers Construction: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

### **Old Business:**

2. Review and discussion of the process for meeting with representatives of private roads with the acknowledgement of a public easement that receive winter plowing services from the Town.

The Selectboard discussed 1) the positive responses from road representatives; 2) the history and grandfathering of road standards related to private roads that receive plowing services from the Town; 3) the need to gather and document more information about each private road; 4) the need to document and periodically update the compliance status of each private road; 5) the need to develop criteria for granting equitable extensions or waivers; and 6) sending a letter in the fall to each affected resident emphasizing the importance of bringing requests for extensions or waivers to the Selectboard by the end of this year.

3. Discussion of the new Town Manager search process.

Holly Hancock stated that David Barrett from the Maine Municipal Association will be speaking to the Selectboard about the search process at its November 13, 2018 meeting. Holly encouraged Selectboard members to submit any thoughts or ideas about the responsibilities or restructuring of the Town Manager position to her in order to consolidate them. David Morton stated that an advertisement was placed in the Bridgton News and posted on the Town website and Facebook page offering the public an opportunity to provide input about the Town Manager position at the September 25, 2018 Selectboard meeting.

4. Selectboard comments.

- Holly Hancock commented on an email message she distributed to the Selectboard from a second term alderman from the United City of Yorkville, Illinois about National Suicide Awareness Month.
- In response to an inquiry from Tom Peaslee regarding the status of the demolition of structures on the former Barry property, David Morton stated that 1) the Town will hire a qualified contractor to demolish and remove a structure with hazardous materials; 2) the State has delivered loads of material from ditching to fill foundation holes and a small seasonal pond; 3) the Town is keeping two garages, one of which is being used for storage by the Lake Region Community Theatre and another to be used for the storage of public works materials; 4) Central Maine Power has disconnected affected meters; and 5) leach fields will be kept, septic tanks will be filled and wells will be identified and marked for future use.
- Holly Hancock stated that the Crooked River Snowmobile Club might be interested in moving its winter parking area to more solid ground near a garage that could possibly be used as a club house.
- In response to an inquiry from Calvin Nutting, David Morton stated that the Town's initial request for road striping has been completed and that additional striping related to recent road construction will be needed.
- In response to an inquiry from Mary Fernandes, David Morton stated that the former road crack sealing company is out of business and that he will obtain pricing from a crack sealing company in Windham.
- In response to an inquiry from Mary Fernandes, David Morton stated that there is no process for reviewing Town ordinances on a regular basis and that Town ordinances are updated whenever necessary.

5. Review of applications for abatement of taxes due to poverty or infirmity. *(Requires executive session subject to Title 1 M.R.S.A., subsection 405, paragraph 6, part F, and pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A., subsection 841(2).)*

**It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn to executive session to review applications for abatement of taxes due to poverty or infirmity subject to Title 1 M.R.S.A., subsection 405, paragraph 6, part F, and pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A., subsection 841(2): 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

**The Selectboard entered into executive session at 7:14 p.m.**

**The Selectboard returned from executive session at 7:27 p.m.**

6. Any action required by the Selectboard subsequent to executive session.

**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the application for abatement of taxes due to poverty or infirmity for account 9-11-18 in the amount of \$3,735.31: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

**It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker  
Administrative Secretary